



News, Events and Information

KickButtColumbus!

Coordinated by [Keep Columbus Beautiful](#), 318 people gathered at Dodge Park on Saturday, April 9th to kick off a citywide volunteer effort to collect litter from 25 highway ramps across the city. In total, volunteers collected 3.89 tons of trash, 6900 pounds of recycling and 32,808 cigarette butts.

- **Ganthers Place Blockwatch** won a Golden Ashtray Award for cleaning up I-71 Exit 105 Greenlawn Ave. They collected a total of 5,162 butts.
- **Environmental Management Inc** won the Kickbutt Trash Award for cleaning I-70 Exit 94 Wilson Rd. They collected a total of 90 bags of trash from that ramp area.
- **CYP Club** and **Trash Masters** both received the Recycling Award for their work cleaning I-70 Exit 97 W Broad St and I-670 Exit 6 Leonard Ave each recycling 28 bags of material.

Don't forget that you can report littering and illegal dumping you have witnessed through SWACO's www.itsacrime.org website.

City and County to Award Community Garden Grants

Mayor Michael B. Coleman, Councilmember Priscilla Tyson and the Franklin County Commissioners teamed up to offer grant funding for community gardens. Awards are scheduled to be announced at Lighten Up! Earth Day events at Franklin Park Conservatory on Saturday at Noon. Of the 83 applications received, 60 awards were made consisting of funding, in-kind product donations compliments of The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, access to educational programming through the Franklin Park Conservatory or a combination thereof.

Accolades

- Thanks and congratulations to Green Columbus for, once again, organizing Earth Day worksites and celebrations!
- Mayor Michael B. Coleman's efforts through his Get Green Columbus initiative were recognized as a finalist in the [Siemens Sustainable Community Awards](#) alongside of Baltimore, Maryland and San Jose, California.
- MORPC has received a [USEPA Climate Showcase Community grant](#) to integrate the E3 and the Byproduct Synergy Network to reduce green house gas emissions and landfill disposal.

- City of Columbus Division of Fleet Management has earned their fourth straight ASE Blue Seal.

Green Events & Activities

Get involved with sustainability in the City of Columbus and central Ohio by visiting the MORPC Green Community Calendar [online](#).

- **Lighten Up! Earth Day celebration:** THIS Saturday, 11am-10pm at Franklin Park Conservatory. www.lightenup2011.org
- **Central Ohio Energy Manufacturing Solutions kick-off event:** May 5 at TechColumbus at 11:30am. Contact [Laura](#) for more information.
- **SWACO Emerald Awards:** May 17th at The Ohio Union (1739 North High Street). Register [online](#).

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